

PASCOAG UTILITY DISTRICT - BOARD OF UTILITY COMMISSIONERS

MEETING MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Pascoag Utility District Board of Utility Commissioners will be held on Monday, April 26, 2010 at 6:00 pm in the District office, Pascoag 253 Pascoag Main Street, Pascoag, RI.

Members Present: Chairman Albert Palmisciano, Vice-Chair Ann Polacek, Commissioners Thomas Partridge, Dennis Whitman, Brian Choiniere and Adrien Trudeau

Members Absent: Commissioner William Mageau (excused)

Also in Attendance: Theodore Garille, General Manager; William Bernstein, General Counsel

Chairman Palmisciano opened the meeting at 6:00 pm.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Public Comment

3. Committee Comments

- Finance Subcommittee- Finance Subcommittee met before the Regular Meeting to discuss retiring debt service on the office building. If the District were to pay off the \$297,000 loan this year, it would save the rate payers \$43,000. This would leave over \$400,000 in**

the restricted fund account at the end of this year.

4. Good and Welfare of the District

A. Docket No. 1725

Ms. Allaire stated that 5 standard residential customers were shut off with balances averaging \$370.00 in the month of March. These customers have been reconnected and were set up with payment plans. One customer who had protected status moved out without paying her balance to the District.

Mr. Whitman made a motion to receive and file, seconded by Mr. Trudeau. The vote in favor was unanimous.

B. 1st Responders Workshop

Pascoag Utility was working with NEPPA to offer fire fighters and police officers a work shop on personal safety in electrical emergencies. All Fire Departments were invited. Harrisville and Wallum Lake Firemen attended.

C. BHS Project/Cookout

The Burrillville High School has been working on their Smart Grid videos and the Cook out where the kids will present their projects will be held on May 28th.

D. PUD's 125th Anniversary

Pascoag Utility District's 125th anniversary will be coming up in 2012. Ms. Allaire is trying to organize a committee made up of employees and board members to begin this project.

E. Burrillville Farmer's Market Workshop Partnership

Pascoag Utility District will be running renewable energy workshops out of the Burrillville Farmer's Market this summer. Workshops topics

will include solar and wind power and biodiesel.

F. Thank You

Thank you notes were presented from Pat Hyland for a floral arrangement that was sent and from Cindy Leoncavallo who did an unpaid internship with Pascoag Utility District. The District also made a donation to the RI Veteran's Home on behalf of George Panichas.

Motion to receive and file made by Mr. Trudeau, seconded by Mr. Whitman. The vote in favor was unanimous.

5. Approval of Minutes

• Water Subcommittee Meeting- March 22, 2010

Motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Whitman, seconded by Mr. Trudeau. The vote in favor was unanimous.

• Regular BUC Meeting-March 22, 2010

Motion to approve the minutes as amended was made by Mr. Partridge, seconded by Mr. Whitman. The vote in favor was unanimous.

6. Unfinished Business

10-03- Update-Changes to Charter

There was a hearing at the House Judiciary Committee and there were no objections or questions to the charter changes.

10-09-Update-Net Metering Tariff

Mr. Garille stated that the Net Metering Tariff is being reviewed by Division and reported progress.

09-19- Update-Water Meter Project

Ms. Allaire stated that the water meters did come in. The first 12 pre-pilot meters have been installed and the software has been

installed. The office staff has also sent out letters to Cycle 1 customers that informed them of the meter installation project and the need for them to make an appointment for the installation. There will be a kick-off ad in the Bargain Buyer next week.

09-03-Update-Stony Brook

Mr. Garille stated that Pascoag Utility District will not sign the PSA. Pascoag's obligation to Stony Brook has been satisfied up to this point.

7. New Business

10-13-Surge Suppressor Tariff

Mr. Garille reported progress. Pascoag is working with Division on the tariff. Division has issued some data requests which Pascoag is working on fulfilling. The Surge Suppressor will be discussed in open session in May.

10-14-Landfill Project

Mr. Garille reported progress. Mr. Bernstein is reviewing the contractual language for this and forwarded his comments to MMWEC. Ms. Allaire and Mr. Hebert (ENE) also had additional comments sent to MMWEC.

10-15-Alternative Heating Project

Ms. Millar had presented to management at the District a thermal storage heating project. In the most basic terms, customers would purchase electricity off peak and that electricity would be used to heat ceramic bricks. The bricks would then retain that heat and once

they were heated sufficiently there would be a small electric fan that would carry the heat into the room thereby avoiding the use of home heating oil. There is potential grant money associated with it. The Town of Burrillville is also interested in this project. Ms. Millar will be presenting this project to the Town Council. Management recommended going forward to the next step including applying for the grant money in a co sponsorship with the Town of Burrillville, with the caveat that the Town of Burrillville lend similar support. This would require Pascoag Utility District to create a time of usage tariff. Mr. Partridge made a motion to empower management to go to the next step which includes applying for grant money in a co sponsorship with the Town of Burrillville with the caveat that the Town of Burrillville lend similar support, seconded by Mr. Trudeau. The vote in favor was unanimous.

10-16-Defined Benefit Plan/Contribution Level

Mr. Whitman made a motion to fund the Defined Benefit Plan to the maximum amount allowed by the Federal government, seconded by Mr. Trudeau. The vote in favor was unanimous.

10-17-Action Item: Approval of 2009 Audited Financial Reports

Mr. Choiniere made a motion to approve the 2009 Audited Financial Reports, seconded by Mr. Partridge. The vote in favor was unanimous.

8. Financial Reports

A. Electric Department- February 2010

B. Water Department-February 2010

Mr. Whitman made a motion to approve the electric and water financial reports, seconded by Mr. Choiniere. The vote in favor was unanimous.

9. Adjournment

Mr. Partridge made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Whitman. The vote in favor was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 7:04PM.

The public is welcome to any meeting of the Board of Utilities council or its committees. If communication assistance (readers/interpreters/captioners) is needed or any other accommodation to ensure equal participation, please contact the District Office at least three (3) business days prior to the meeting.

Brian Choiniere, Secretary
Board of Utility Commissioners

Desarae Downs, Recording Secretary